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- [] The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted: (a) within three months of the filing date, or (b) before the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is due under 37 CFR 1.97(b).
- [X] The Information Disclosure Statement is submitted more than three months after the filing date and after the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, but, before a final action under § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under § 1.311. Applicant(s)' attorney hereby certifies under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office on a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement. Therefore, no fee is due under 37 CFR 1.97(c).
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	Respectfully submitted,

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